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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Oscar Lee Avant et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Serial No.: 09/652,708 ) Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated April 30, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between three groups of claims: Group I containing claims 1-14, Group II containing claims 15-84, and Group III containing claims 85-113. The Examiner issued this Supplemental Restriction Requirement because the initial Restriction Requirement, mailed November 29, 2002, erroneously omitted claim 15.

As requested in a previous response dated February 26, 2003 (which was responsive to the initial Restriction Requirement of November 29, 2002), Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 15-84, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to methods and apparatus for illuminating, focusing, and transmitting with a conversion of information to digital.

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This response is filed concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time for two months and the required fee. Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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